Increasing the number of electronic exchanges in Hyderabad and Secunderabad

*39. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position with regard to the distribution of different types of exchange systems in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of electronic exchanges there; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, there are:

10 Electronic Exchanges,

7 Strowger Exchanges, and

4 Crossbar Exchanges.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are as under:

The following new electronic exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1990-91:

(1) Jeedimetla

(2) Vanasthalipuram

The following existing electronic exchanges are proposed to be expanded:

(1) Saifabad Unit III

(2) Secunderabad Unit IV.

Development of major ports during the eighth plan

*40. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the major ports in the country in the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, what is the amount earmarked for the development of each major port during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) what specific steps Government propose to take for the development of Paradip Port during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

132. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1990*].

STD facilities in Orissa towns

133. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns in Orissa connected with STD system so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to introduce STD in some more towns in the State;

(c) if so, what are the names thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to connect Joda and Borbil towns in Orissa with STD in 1990-91 financial year; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to implement the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Earth Station at Bhubaneswar is working for domestic telecommounication services.

(b) Yes, Sir. STD facility will be progressively introduced in more towns during the Eighth Plan period.

(c) Aska, Bhawanipatna, Bargarh, Barbil, Chandipur, Gunupur, Jatni, Joda, Kendrapara, Kantabanji Nowrangpur, Parlakhemundi, Rajganpur, Talcher, Titilagarh.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Required transmission media and telephone exchanges are being programmed for early commissioning.

Earth Station at Bhubaneswar

134. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to establish an Earth-Station at Bhubaneswar:

(b) whether it is also proposed to make Bhubaneswar a software city if an Earth Station is established there; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Earth Station at Bhubaneshwar is working for domestic telecommunication services.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two alternatives are being examined:

(i) Utilisation of the existing International Gate-way Packet Switched network.

(ii) establishing a dedicated earth station for providing data communication facilities to the Software Technology Park.

Naxalite activities in Andhra Pradesh

135. SHRI JAGHDISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite activities are on the increase in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to curb such activities and to restore peace and normalcy in the effected areas; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (d) Extremists belonging to the People's War Group have been active in Andhra Pradesh in recent years. Public order and Police, being State subjects, are primarily the concern of the State Government. However, the Central Government has also been rendering all possible assistance to the State Govt. in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities for State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

दिल्ली नगर निकाय द्वारा झुग्गी-झोंपड़ी तथा पुनर्वास बस्तियों में गृह कर की वसूली

138. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली नगर निगम अधिनियम के अनुच्छेद 267 के अंतर्गत झुग्गी-झोंपड़ी तथा पुनर्वास बस्तियों में आवासियों से गृह-कर की वसूली करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और